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ADDRESS REPLY TO
COMMANDER ARDC, ATTN:
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MEMORANDUM FOR GENERAL SCHRIEVER

1. To the best of my knowledge, the purpose of today's meeting is to question you about two basic matters in connection with SAMOS. The first question is whether or not the data link, electronic read-out, and associated ground processing equipment can make available suitable photos before 1970. In other words, is there a justification to continue the SAMOS program (subsystem E and I) in the R&D phase for an extended period of time. The second question is related to the value of subsystem F. The argument here is th[redacted] elint and comint can be available via aircraft peripheral [redacted]

2. The attendance in this meeting are to be Dr. Land, Dr. Billings, Dr. York, Dr. York, Dr. Charyk, and you. My information has it that Dr. Land has raised most of these questions.

3. I would recommend the following:

a. That you point out the numerous reviews that have already been conducted to justify the existing confidence in the present program.

b. That we can't stand another readjustment in the program without inducing further delays to accomplish operational capability.

c. If a further review on the SAMOS program is desired that it be deferred until after the AF completes its current effort to submit development plans on SAMOS, MIDAS, DISCOVERER.

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